

Wednesday 27th

Please pray for The Alpha Course for this year as well as the money course, job club and other ministries to be operated from Arcot House.

Thursday 28th

Most small groups meet in homes during the week. Ask God to bless those who attend regularly and encourage those who miss out to join in.

Friday 29th

Pray for those who are sick, a suitable list can be found each week in the newssheet.

Saturday 30th

There are many people who cannot work because they do not have the capacity to do so. This can be due to disability or medical reasons or inability to cope in general, ask God to meet with these people today.

Sunday 31st

As winter grips pray for those ministering to the homeless. Think of those who sell the Big Issue in all weathers, pray for those who run The Paradise Run in Cardiff and run hostels for those in need.

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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

In Britain doing service to others has a long history in society. There are many references in literature and many organisations have community service as an integral part of their programmes. Jesus taught his disciples from the start of their time together that his followers must deny their own agendas and serve others. When people do service for many years they tend to be somewhat taken for granted, until something happens and they are no longer performing their service. When people retire or get too old to volunteer any more, sometimes they are given a present, a handshake, even maybe a 'thank you', then "welcome scrapheap"!

In the welter of New Year resolutions and newly adopted budgets will there be any room to acknowledge those who went before? Everyone has a person, organisation or club which holds a special place in their hearts. This month please give thanks for those faithful folk who helped you when you needed it, and also pray for those who have been doing things for a long time, often unsung, in Sunday School, Church, work, club or wherever.

John Stansfield

tabernacle : penarth

purpose : to reflect God's love in
our church, community and world

prayer diary : january 2016

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived what God has prepared
for those who love him"

1 Corinthians 2:9

This year will see the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London. The fire lasted from 2nd to 5th September 1666 and destroyed 37,000 houses and 87 parish churches. Because of the significance of '666' in the Bible, many people at the time saw this as the beginning of the Apocalypse. In fact, despite the large amount of damage to property, the death toll during the fire was reportedly 10 people - not quite the end of the world! However, this was not the last time that people predicted the end of the world, and over the centuries since there have been many false predications about The End.

If you were to ask me what 2016 is to bring, the answer will simply be, 'I don't know'. I have many hopes for the coming year, many plans and many dreams. There are targets I would like to see us meet and objectives achieved, but ultimately we don't know what the future holds. There will be good days and there will be bad days; there will be things we expect to happen and some unexpected events. However, we can be certain of two things. God will not leave us or forsake us, and his plans for the New Year, and his plans are so much better than ours!

Pastor Roger

Friday 1st (New Years Day)

Please give thanks today for recent festivities and commit this year to God. If you still believe in New Year resolutions pray over what they might be for the coming year.

Saturday 2nd

Remember the people involved in preparations for worship on Sunday. Pray for Roger Grafton and all who will take part in services tomorrow.

Sunday 3rd

Let Jesus be glorified in the worship in Tabs today. Try to repair broken relationships and ask God to make you more gracious in the next year. Start by getting right with God, pray for forgiveness and humility.

Monday 4th

Today many people will return to work. Pray for someone you know who works.

Tuesday 5th

Remember people from Tabs in full time service: The Buggs at Nuneaton, David Evans at Grangetown BC, Jeff & Mary Dyas in Barry, Leslie Lawrence and Jon Birch at the Baptist College and Gareth Davidson at Bristol College ministering at Chepstow.

Wednesday 6th (Epiphany)

Today is the feast of the Epiphany when the Wise Men are reputed to have presented Jesus with His gifts. Let us pray today that we can all recognise the same qualities in Jesus as they discerned. Pray for you to receive those qualities too.

Today the Leadership Council will meet, please pray for them as they meet to consider the business of the church.

Thursday 7th

Think today of people involved in education. Children attending local schools, teachers and other staff, parents and all who have responsibility for school governance. Ask God to bless their efforts.

Friday 8th

This time five years ago the church was being asked to pray for the new nation of South Sudan. In the last year the news from there has not been great. Please pray for the leaders and people of this nation, and ask God to bless them as they try to build a Christian country in Africa.

Saturday 9th

Pray for peace in the Middle East. Pray for millions of displaced Syrians in the middle of winter, ask God to provide for their needs. Ask God to end the bloodshed and hate in this New Year.

Sunday 10th

Please pray for the other Baptist causes in the area: Eden, Dinas Powys, Llandough, and Stanwell Road. Pray for Jeff & Mary Dyas at Mt Pleasant Barry. Ask God to bless their witness, outreach and ministry.

Monday 11th

Remember the ladies who meet together every Monday afternoon. Ask God to bless their gatherings.

Tuesday 12th

Please remember the South Wales Baptist Association and the work they do in supporting Pastors, promoting mission and looking after legal and practical questions on properties used by Baptist congregations. Please remember Nick Bradshaw, Andy Hughes and Jackie Godding.

Wednesday 13th

As universities and colleges go back to work please uphold Christian Unions in their witness in campuses around the country. Pray for God to give them a heart for mission and outreach. Remember Reach Volunteers and staff workers employed by UCCF* in full

time outreach in towns and cities all over Britain. Pray for young people from Tabs away at college.

Thursday 14th

Pray for families – single and two parent families. Pray for love, generosity, discipline and commitment to help young people grow, and don't forget fun.

Friday 15th

Remember the outreaches to young people taking place on Friday evenings. Ask God to bless leaders, children and parents.

Saturday 16th

Please pray for Helen, Angus and their three children ministering in Nepal. Pray for Judy Cook ministering at Chiang Mai in Thailand.

Sunday 17th

Please pray for the itinerant preachers in Baptist churches around the area. Give thanks for the blessings you receive in Tabs and pray for similar blessings for churches supported by Tabs based preachers.

Monday 18th

Please pray for the chaplains and visitors in local hospitals who seek to comfort those in pain or who are ill.

Tuesday 19th

Please pray for the work at TWAM* collecting, cleaning and sorting tools to be shipped to Africa.

Wednesday 20th

Today the midweek communion service will be led by a member of Tabs. Please pray for all those who will attend.

Thursday 21st

Remember Tabs members involved in Prison Fellowship. Ask God to bless their endeavours to help released prisoners.

Friday 22nd

The Global Mission Group sets out to promote mission in the church. Please pray for the work of promoting and encouraging mission in Tabs.

Saturday 23rd

Street Pastors is coordinated by Jackie Bradshaw in Cardiff. Pray for all involved, particularly those from Tabs.

Sunday 24th

Today ask God to help you be a good witness for Jesus, pray for that person who always gives you a hard time because of your faith. Ask God to forgive their sinful attitude and bless them.

Monday 25th

Ask God to refresh the vision for prayer in Tabs. Pray for an invigorated programme to encourage everyone to join in, led from the front by the Ministerial Team.

Tuesday 26th

Please pray for the children, parents and leaders involved in Playgroup and children's ministries held in Tabs during the week.